

Political Column

Announcement cards for candidates will be published in this column until the date of the Primary election, April 20, at a nominal charge.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

To the Republican Voters of Clackamas County: I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the nomination for County Treasurer on the Republican ticket at the primary election to be held on April 20. If nominated and elected I pledge a careful, efficient and economical administration of the affairs of that office. I am an old soldier and have always voted the Republican ticket. This is the first time I have ever asked for any office at the hands of my party. Very respectfully, J. C. PADDOCK, of Clackamas.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER.

To the Republican voters of Clackamas county: I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the nomination of County Recorder at the Republican primary election to be held April 20, 1906. If nominated and elected, I pledge a careful and economical administration of the affairs of the office. I respectfully solicit the support of the Republican voters of the county. Very respectfully yours, E. P. DEEDMAN, of Clackamas.

FOR COUNTY CORONER.

To the Republicans of Clackamas County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of County Coroner on the Republican ticket at the primary election, April 20, 1906. If nominated and elected I promise a careful and economical administration of the affairs of the office, and shall adopt in my platform the principles of economy, justice and honesty. W. M. SHANK, Leading Undertaker and Embalmer, Oregon City.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

To the Republicans of Clackamas county: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of County Clerk on the Republican ticket at the Primary election, April 20, 1906. My motto is: "Honesty Efficiency, Courtesy." Very respectfully, I. D. TAYLOR, of Abernethy Precinct.

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FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

W. W. Smith, of Parkplace, Announces His Platform.

Mr. Smith's platform is as follows: Tax on public utility franchises as advocated by State Grange. Repeal of the law governing the burning of slashing. Election of Road Supervisors by the people. Same fishing rights to Clackamas County fishermen as is enjoyed by the lower Columbia fishermen and a uniform license of gill nets according to the length of the net.



If nominated and elected will vote for the people's choice for United States Senator.

Separate appropriation bill for each item of expenditure of the public funds.

Law regulating state and private banks; and the appointment of a State Bank Examiner.

That public funds should be loaned only for the benefit of the public.

Repeal of the law imposing license on hunters.

Primary election, April 20th, 1906, between the hours of 12 noon and 7 p. m.

COUNSELL FOR COMMISSIONER.

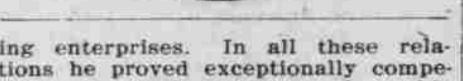
Of the Several Candidates, the Man from Harmony is Best Qualified.

If there is any one candidate for a place on the Republican county ticket who is entirely qualified for the office to which he aspires, that man is W. H. Counsell, of Harmony, candidate for County Commissioner. A native of the state of Wisconsin, Mr. Counsell has resided in Clackamas county for 20 years, living on a farm near Milwaukie. Other than serving his district as road supervisor, he has never filled an appointment or held office, neither has he asked for anything of the kind.

Besides being road supervisor, Mr. Counsell was also for some time connected with the county court in several important road and bridge building enterprises. In all these relations he proved exceptionally competent and well did he perform his work.

Mr. Counsell's first success was the building of the Viola plank road. When this improvement was first suggested, it was estimated that the expense would not be less than \$8000, but Mr. Counsell was employed to superintend the work and completed the job at a cost of about \$5000. The improvement of the Molalla road in the vicinity of Howard's mill was also done by Counsell and this stands as evidence of his superior knowledge of this sort of work.

Mr. Counsell's experience in the matter of bridge building is equally good. And his friends insist that it is just such a man that is needed on the board of county commissioners. This county is called upon annually to build or improve several miles of roadway and many bridges and it is essential to the best interests of the county that at least one member of the board of commissioners is a man who has some practical knowledge of road and bridge work, and that man is W. H. Counsell, of Harmony.



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S. B. HUSTON FOR CONGRESS.

He Feels Greatly Encouraged With Outlook—A Sketch.

Mr. S. B. Huston, of Hillsboro, Washington County, candidate for the nomination for Congress on the Republican ticket is in the city in the interest of his candidacy and while he does not make as loud claims as some other candidates, he is quite confident of success. He says that he will carry Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Tillamook, Lane, Josephine, Klamath, Lake and Curry counties. He concedes Marion and Benton to Hawley. He thinks the fight in Jackson, Douglass and Linn is a very close one with the odds slightly in favor of Hawley in the last two counties mentioned.

Mr. Huston is a native of Washington county, Indiana, and is 48 years of age. His father was Oliver W. Huston, who was a soldier in Company G, 18th Indiana Volunteers Infantry, and lost his life at the battle of Stone River. There were four brothers in the family and all enlisted in the army, two in the 18th 2d, and two in the 66th 2d. They all lived to return except Mr. Huston's father. By his death Mr. Huston's mother was left a widow with three children of which Mr. Huston was the oldest being five years old at the time. As the family were left in rather straitened circumstances financially, his boyhood was one of hard labor and he knows what poverty is. By his personal exertions and the sacrifices of his mother, he was enabled to secure an education and studied law and was admitted to the bar. He was for three years a railroad, being employed on the Santa Fe railroad in New Mexico. He came to Oregon in 1883 and settled in Washington county, where he has ever since resided. He has been engaged ever since in the practice of law and has ranked for many years as one of the leading lawyers of the state and by reason of his profitable law practice has become comfortably fixed financially.

He has never held any political office except to serve as State Senator one term from '92 to '96. He has been honored by being made President of the State Bar Association and has been school director at Hillsboro for four successive terms, receiving every vote cast at each succeeding election. At the time of the Anti-Chinese excitement about twenty years ago, he and Judge T. A. McBride, of this city were the only lawyers in the state who took part in the Anti-Chinese Congress held in Portland and assisted the labor people in preparing their memorial to Congress in behalf of legislation against Chinese immigration. Some of the men who took part in that congress are still employed in the mills at Oregon City and they are naturally quite warm supporters of Mr. Huston. They say this is the first opportunity they have had to repay him for his friendship at a time when it was needed and when it required courage to identify himself with them.

Mr. Huston was married in 1884 to Miss Ella Geiger, the daughter of one of the pioneers of 1839. They have three children, one daughter who is attending the State University at Eugene, and two boys, who are attend-

ing Pacific University at Forest Grove. While he is quite confident of his nomination he declares that if he should be defeated he will loyally support his successful competitor. He is a very pleasant gentleman socially and makes warm friends of those with whom he becomes acquainted.

THE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

In this paper we will assume that the need of a higher education than the grammar grades is conceded. This point being granted the question arises, what is the best method of providing this education? There are two methods before the people today.

First—By the district high school. Second—By the County high school. Consider the former. Of the 118 districts in this county, how many are able to support a high school with a four years' course? Probably three or four. How many are doing it? One—Parkplace. Of the other 117 districts, one has a two years' course and several have added the ninth grade.

Just enough has been done to meet the demands of the people for a better education of their children, and this demand is increasing. In a few years a full four years' course will be required in many places. Now what are these districts going to do about it?

There is open to them three courses of procedure:

First—They may do without. Second—By the County high school, pils to such districts as are able to maintain high schools.

Third—They may establish a county high school and send them to it. As to the first we have already considered the desirability of a high school education in a former paper, and if we acknowledge the necessity we are under obligation of providing such education. If we say let them do without, we are denying the need of better education and should consider the arguments for and against sending pupils to high schools.

This will leave the last two methods for consideration and will require a comparison in order to determine which is the more advantageous. The remainder of this paper, then, will be devoted to such a comparison. This will leave the consideration of such districts as are able to support a high school for another time as these districts will not have to send their pupils away from home.

The principal factor in this comparison will be the expense.

First—the county high school will be free while the district high school will charge from \$12 to \$40 tuition. This will have a greater effect in proportion to the amount spent, upon the adjacent districts for there the pupils can go back and forth from home, making the expense of tuition the only consideration, and we know that while a certain number may go and pay \$12, and a still greater number if the tuition is free.

In districts further removed we must add the expense of boarding, or the expense of going back and forth, as car fare. As to the former, if the pupils have to board, the expense of attending a county high school will be no greater than the expense of attending a district high school. Further, a county high school will probably be located in such a place that those pupils who wish will be able to secure employment during their leisure hours and thus earn a part of their expense. Besides it has been perceived that when a state institution of learning has been established in a city or town the people of that city or town, recognizing the advantage of adding in every way possible students attending the school, keep many positions open for the boys and girls who may perform their duties before or after school hours and receive board and lodging for so doing. In addition to these considerations, tuition is free and \$40 will board a pupil for some time.

Now in cases of pupils staying at home and going back and forth, it might happen that the expense of attending a district high school would be less than the expense of attending a county high school. As for instance, suppose the county high school to be located at Oregon City, it would be cheaper for the people of Milwaukie to send their children to Portland than to Oregon City, since the fare to Portland for the 200 school days would be \$28, while to Oregon City it would be \$54. But if the \$40 tuition were added it would still be cheaper to send to Oregon City.

Nevertheless this system would give those living near the school house an advantage over those that live at a distance. This is a grave objection, but can be remedied by free transportation of pupils. Although under the present laws, county high schools are not authorized to offer free transportation, I have the assurance of the State Superintendent that a bill will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature, providing for such transportation wherever pupils shall gather in sufficient numbers to warrant the expense. There is no reason why this bill should not pass. With free transportation pupils living at a distance can attend just as cheap as those living in the immediate vicinity of the school. This free transportation could never be given in case of district high schools so if we are going to build up a high school system let us begin right.

Of course in Clackamas County there are districts which at present cannot be reached by transportation and pupils from these would have to board. However, a region with a radius of 6 or 8 miles could be reached by means of wagons while where are electric lines pupils may come 10 or 12 miles. With our present rate of development it will not be many years until Clackamas county will be traversed in every direction by electric lines. When that time comes and we have established county high schools we will have an excellent public school system, free for the public from the time he learns his first lesson until he graduates with his degree from the State University. This is what we want and it cannot be done in a day, but we must look into the future and prepare for it by a solid foundation.

There will be objections to free transportation from districts far removed from the probable location of

the high school. But such districts are not consulting their own interests when they object. Because they have no easy means of transportation now does not say that they never will have. The difficulty of reaching Oregon was urged as a grave objection to the acquisition of the Oregon Territory by the United States, yet within 15 years after such objections were put forth the Pacific Coast was united to the East by iron bands, and Oregon has long enjoyed as easy communication with the Atlantic Coast. If it is difficult to communicate with the county high school it will be difficult to communicate with any high school, and if home schools are developed the ultimate good will be to all districts. These remarks are for such districts as cannot support a high school of their own. There are but few districts that can and these cannot do it so easily or so well as the county. So I see no adequate provisions for a county high school education for years to come if the county high school is not established. If it is established it will be the property of the whole county, toward which all districts will turn and make use of as property belonging to them. The result will be that in a few years there will be far more high school pupils under the county system than under any other system. L. A. READ.

SOME REASONS WHY CHAUNCEY E. RAMSBY SHOULD RECEIVE THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR COUNTY RECORDER.

BECAUSE: He is competent and deserving. He is the right man for the right place. He is first, last, and always a Republican. He is courteous, efficient and, thoroughly qualified. He has always supported the party's nominees in every election. He is more than 28 years of age, while the only charge his opponents have been able to prefer against him is that he is but 22 years old.

THE PENNIES IN THE BOX.

Rural mail route patrons will win the everlasting gratitude of their carriers if they will buy stamps and affix them to their matter instead of dropping pennies in their boxes in payment of postage. A friend of the mailcarrier handed the Gazette these verses, taken from the Rural Free Delivery Journal, as expressing the sentiment of all carriers: Now begins the season

Of the mailman's discontent, Of his haste to take the job, no doubt He'll many times repent. "Your job's a 'snap'" the farmers say "When the summer breezes blow, It's a 'cold snap' for the mailman When his forty degrees below, He faces blizzards, gets stuck in drifts And struggles with frozen locks. But the greatest trial of a carrier's life Is the pennies in the box.

When it snows and blows the carrier's hands With the cold get stiff and numb; Then it's quite a trick to pick up a cent. With a frozen finger and thumb. And sometimes to express his feelings "New cuss words" he'll invent, As he sifts the snow in a patron's box In search of a missing cent. It gives his mouth that dark brown taste, It whitens his scanty locks. This everlasting squabble With pennies in the box.

It's thoughtlessness that causes The mailman all this woe, Kinder people than his patrons Are not found here below. "When the roll is called up yonder" They will surely all be there. Perhaps the mailman may sneak in If he's good and doesn't swear. If you want St. Peter to open the Gate When your rural carrier knocks, Please leave stamps instead of leaving The pennies in the box. —Contributed.

MARRIED LADIES' DAY AT MILWAUKIE GRANGE.

Saturday, April 21, will be an open meeting from one to three p. m. A program of much interest will be put on by the married ladies and a table of article will be sold to help swell the hall fund. All friends and members of the order are urged to be present. Invite your neighbors. CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Hall of Harding Grange No. 122 P. of H., April 7th, 1906.

Resolved, That whereas it has pleased our Divine Master to call from our midst our worthy brother T. P. McCubbin, to lay down his implements here on earth,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by Harding Grange assembled, that we realize that we also will be garnered in at the harvest and

Be It Further Resolved, that we realize our loss is to the Master given and that the bereaved family have lost a faithful husband and father and we hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to them and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to the county papers, and a page be recorded on our records and the charter be draped for a period of thirty days.

LOUIS FUNK, P. WILSON, W. P. KIRCHEM, Committee.

R. L. HOLMAN FOR CORONER.

Submits Economical Record as Claim for Another Term.

In seeking to succeed himself as coroner, R. L. Holman takes pleasure in submitting to the voters the record for economy he has established in conducting this office as a claim for another nomination and election. Never before in the history of the county has the office of coroner cost the taxpayers of Clackamas county less money than it has during the last four years under the administration of Coroner Holman. This is not an unwarranted statement. It is backed up by the records on file at the court house and these show that the office of coroner including the fees of witnesses and jurors and other expenses has not cost the taxpayers to exceed \$500 per year, each, for the last four years. This is a material reduction in what the expense of this office has been.

Mr. Holman has always been a Republican and has always supported the nominees of his party in every election. He is never found carrying water on both shoulders. He is a man of the strictest integrity and is esteemed as a citizen and business man. If nominated and elected Mr. Holman pledges the people of the county that he will continue his economical administration of the affairs and it may be depended upon that he will do just as he promises.

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